steel during April-June 2001 have been estimated at 7.83 lakh tonnes against 7.2S lakh tonnes in the corresponding period last year registering an increase of 8 per cent.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Tribals living below poverty level

†122. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether more than 70 per cent of tribals are living below the poverty level in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the .details of Centrally sponsored and State level schemes for the upliftment of living standards of these tribals;

(d) the financial aid provided by government to each State, for this purpose during last three years, scheme-wise; and

(e) the achievements made under the same, so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per the latest estimates of Planning Commission 51.94 per cent of tribal population in rural and 41.14 per cent of tribal population in urban areas are living below poverty line.

(c) In order to achieve the objective of socio-economic development of Scheduled Tribes, Government of India has adopted a strategy known as Tribal Sub Plan (TSP). Under this strategy various schemes of economic development under the sectors of Agriculture, Minor Irrigation, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Horticulture, Rural Development, Small Scale Industries and Forestry etc. under Centre/state Sector are being implemented for the upliftment of tribal people living below poverty line. Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides Special Central Assistance to the TSP States/ UTs as an additive to their own outlays to fill the gap.

(d) and (e) A statement showing funds released under Special

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Central Assistance and the number of families assisted under point 11(b) of 20 point programme during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01 is attached. *(See* below)

The funds from Ministry of Tribal Affairs is in addition to the funds spent by State governments and Central Ministries under their schemes for welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes.

Statement

Funds released under the scheme of SCA to TSP and No. of families assisted economically under point 11(b) of 20 point programme

s. No.	Name of the States/UTs	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01	
		Funds released under SCA to TSP (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of families assisted economi-cally	Funds released under SCA to TSP (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of families assisted economi-cally	Funds released under SCA to TSP (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of families assisted economi cally
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2728.5	154000	2182.9	102340	2182.94	209930
2.	Assam	2069.6	125787	2443.5	22905	2443.50	20323
3.	Bihar	0.0	80388	4779.1	113566	1711.06	12262
4.	Gujarat	3689.7	125651	3140.0	126543	3139.98	125271
5.	Himachal Pradesh	689.4	6582	514.1	7475	514.05	6883
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	739.2	1885	776.4	472	776.38	0839
7.	Karnataka	686.6	32865	616.1	22963	616.13	9757
8.	Kerala	408.2	3836	218.6	3130	218.63	1648
9.	Madhya Pradesh	9476.2	265837	9797.2	266076	6257.12	234481
10.	Maharashtra	3532.2	162395	2974.6	148326	2974.57	84755
11.	Manipur	779.5	4264	608.7	2930	608.65	1752
12.	Orissa	5911.9	90571	5698.3	69774	5188.40	44038
13.	Rajasthan	3475.7	80750	2915.2	68673	2915.24	74374
14.	Sikkim	60.0	6527	86.3	6010	86.28	5099
15.	Tamil Nadu	295.9	11250	258.3	6794	258.27	6773
16.	Tripura	977.8	13910	831.6	12523	831.57	12017
17.	Uttar Pradesh	57.5	4218	99.9	2293	41.83	1869
18.	West Bengal	2222.1	16192	1759.4	14098	1759.40	28725
19.	Jharkhand	0.0	0	0.0	0	3422.62	N.R.
20.	Chhattisgarh	0.0	0	0.0	0	3695.36	N.R.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
21.	Uttaranchal A&N	0.0	0	0.0	0	58.02	N.R.
22.	Islands Daman &	133.9	842	255.4	1476	233.90	755
23.	Diu	66.1	550	44.6	111	66.10	690
	TOTAL	38000.00	1188300	40000.0	998468	40000.00	882241

Decreasing population of Pahariya Tribe in Jharkhand

123. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the population of Pahariya tribals in Jharkhand is not even half of what it was at the time of India's Independence;

(b) if so, whether it is not due to the facts that the destruction of forests have led to loss of their livelihood, and there has also been a complete failure of all the welfare measures taken, so far, leading to wasteful and fictitious expenditure of public funds; and

(c) if so, the corrective action Government plan to take, including suitable action against officials responsible for such a state of affairs?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) No, Sir. The population of Pahariya tribe of Bihar (of which the State of Jharkhand was a part till October, 2000) has been showing an increasing trend as indicated below:

Year	Population of Pahariya tribe
1961	12,268
1971	14,651
1981	24,012
1991	30,421

(b) and (c) Do not arise.